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Attorney General John Ashcroft  
US Department of Justice  
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20530

Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

As a computer professional in the technology industry, I am writing in favor of Microsoft. Microsoft is innovative, great for the technical sector and great for the economy. Look at what's happened to the technical sector and the NASDAQ since Microsoft went to litigation. Perhaps if we wrap this case up, we will see a rebound in those sectors.

Microsoft is going out of their way to wrap up this case, beyond what would be expected in any antitrust case. They settled after extensive negotiations with a mediator and agreed to the establishment of a technical committee that will monitor their compliance with the settlement and assist with resolving any disputes.

Microsoft has been through a lot these last few years. Let's move on. There are far greater issues that warrant our attention. Thanks.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Ernie Dufek".

Ernie Dufek